

Mr. Hood obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, an act relating to masters and slaves,

Ordered, that Messrs. Hood, Tuck and Crisfield, report the same.

On motion of Mr. Fooks,

Ordered, that the committee on grievances and courts of justice, enquire into the expediency of giving to the county courts jurisdiction in all applications for divorces.

The Clerk of the Senate delivered a petition of the Commissioners of the Farmer's and Miller's Bank of Washington county, praying an extension of the time prescribed by the charter of said Bank to complete the subscriptions to the capital stock thereof, endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates,"

Which was read, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

And delivered a communication from the Executive, endorsed, "referred to the consideration of the House of Delegates," and is as follows,

Executive Department,
Annapolis, February 6th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

And of the House of Delegates,

We herewith lay before you a report of the Commissioners appointed under resolution of December session last, to make a reconnoissance and survey, and to estimate the cost of a Rail-road on the Eastern Shore, with two reports of the Chief Engineer employed by the Commissioners, to make said reconnoissance, survey and estimates.

With the highest respect,

We have the honor to remain,

Your obedient servants,

THOS. W. VEAZEY.

Which was read, and with the reports therein mentioned, referred to the committee on internal improvement.

Mr. Ridgely moved that the communication from the Adjutant General of the State, made in obedience to a resolution of the present session, showing what officers have reported in conformity with the directions of the act of 1834, chapter 251, should not be printed,

Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Brengle, chairman of the committee on internal improvement, delivered the following report,

The committee on internal improvement in pursuance of the order of the house, directing them to enquire into the expediency of erecting a board of public works, beg leave